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SUBJECT: INFORMAL MEETING OF COMMITTEE II NEGOTIATING

GROUP III - AUGUST 12

1. COMMITTEE II - NEGOTIATING GROUP III ON THE CONTINENTAL MARGIN CONTINUED DEBATE AUGUST 12 AM ON METHODS OF DETERMINING THE OUTER BOUNDARY OF THE MARGIN, WITH PRIMARY ATTENTION DIRECTED TO THE IRISH PROPOSAL FOR ARTICLE 64.

2. COLOMBIA AND CUBA OPPOSED IRISH AMENDMENT AND TENDED TO SUPPORT PROPOSAL TABLED BY USSR LAST SESSION SPECIFYING THAT CRITERIA FOR OUTER BOUNDARY SHOULD BE 200 MILES OR 500 METER ISOBATH WHERE LATTER EXTENDS BEYOND 200 MILES. IRAN INDICATED INCLINATION TO FAVOR ARAB GROUP POSITION (200 MILES ONLY) PENDING DISCUSSION OF REVENUE

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SHARING.

3. SUPPORT FOR IRISH PROPOSAL WAS VOICED BY MAURITIUS, ICELAND, INDIA, MEXICO, FRANCE, NORWAY, UK AND AUSTRALIA.

4. MAURITANIA AND VENEZUELA INDICATED WILLINGNESS TO ACCPET COASTAL STATE JURISDICTION OVER MARGIN BEYOND 200 MILES WITH TKAING SPECIFIC POSITION ON IRISH FORMULA FOR DETERMINING OUTER BOUNDARY.

5. IRELAND ELABORATED ON TECHNICAL BASIS UNDERLYING ALTERNATIVE METHODS OF DETERMINING OUTER BOUNDARY IN ITS PROPOSAL AS PART OF EFFORT TO ANSWER IN GENERAL FASHION QUESTIONS RAISED IN PREVIOUS SESSION OF NEGOTIATING GROUP. JAPAN TOOK ISSUE WITH IRISH PRESENTATION ARGUING THAT DEPTH OF SEDIMENT TEST NEITHER ACCORDS WITH GEOLOGICAL REALITY (AS IN DETERMINING INTERSECTION OF CONTINENTAL COAST AND OCEANIC CRUST) NOR WITH NEEDS OF PRECISION. JAPAN ALSO ARGUED THAT TECHNICAL METHODS OF ASCERTAINING SEDIMENT THICKNESS ARE EXTREMELY COSTLY. UK EXPRESSED DISAGREEMENT WITH LATTER POINT, WHILE FRG EXPERT COUNTERED GENERAL JAPANESE POINTS NOTING THAT IRISH FORMULA IS BOTH TECHNICALLY SOUND AND PROCATICAL.

6. TUNISIA AND SINGAPORE EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT AT LACK OF SPEFICITY IN IRISH REMARKS ON EFFECTS OF ITS PROPOSAL.

7. NEPAL, AFGHANISTAN AND PARAGUAY ALL PROPOSED NEW VERSIONS OF ARTICLE 64.

8. NEPAL. "THE CONTINENTAL SHELF COMPRISES THE SEABED AND SUBSOIL OF THE SUBMARINE AREA THAT EXTEND BEYOND THE TERRITORIAL SEA OF COASTAL STATE THROUGHOUT THE CONTINENTAL LAND MASS UP TO THE POINT FROM WHERE THE CONTINENTAL SLOPE BEGINS BUT IN NO CASE SHALL COMPRISE THE SUBMARINE AREAS WHICH ARE FARTHER THAN 200 NAUTICAL MILES FROM THE BASELINE FROM WHICH THE BREADTH OF THE TERRITORIAL SEA IS MEASURED OR WHICH LIE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IN DEPTHS OF MORE THAN 200 METER ISOBATH."

9. AFGHANISTAN. "1. THE CONTINENTAL SHELF COMPRISES THE SEABED AND SUBSOIL OF THE SUBMARINE AREAS THAT EXTEND BEYOND THE TERRITORIAL SEA OF A COASTAL STATE THROUGHOUT THE CONTINENTAL LAND MASS UP TO A DISTANCE OF 200 NAUTICAL MILES FROM THE BASELINE FROM WHICH THE BREADTH OF THE TERRITORIAL SEA IS MEASURED.

2. THE CONTINENTAL SHELF SHALL NOT COMPRISE THE SUB-MARINE AREAS BEYOND 200 NAUTICAL MILES FROM THE BASE-LINE FROM WHICH THE BREADTH OF THE TERRITORIAL SEA IS MEASURED WHICH CONSTITUTE PART OF THE AREA, HEREAFTER KNOWN AS THE COMMON HERITAGE OF MANKIND."

10. PARAGUAY. "1. WITHOUT PROJUDICE TO THE PRO-VISIONS OF THE PRESENT CHAPTER, THE COASTAL STATE POSSESSING A CONTINENTAL SHELF MORE THAN 200 NAUTICAL MILES FROM THE BASELINE FROM WHICH THE BREADTH OF THE TERRITORIAL SEA IS MEASURED WILL GRANT PROPORTIONAL AND EQUITABLE PARTICIPATION IN THE EX-PLOITATION OF THE SHELF OR IN THE REVENUES THEREFROM TO ALL CONTIGUOUS STATES WHICH LACK THEIR OWN SHELVES.

2. THE STATE CONCERNED SHALL ESTABLISH THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS AS WELL AS THE PROPORTION OF THE PARTI-CIPATION BY MEANS OF BILATERAL OR SUBREGIONAL AGREE-MENTS."

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